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1. The East German Ministry of Traffic ordered that preliminary work for the introduction of night navigation on inland waterways be completed for night navigation on the waterways between the Elbe and the Oder Rivers (Oder-Havel Canal, Lower-Havel Waterways and Elbe-Havel Canal), by 1 July 1953, and that night navigation on the Elbe River between Magdeburg and Niegripp be started by that date. The costs for the river and shore lighting on the Oder-Elbe stretches and on the Magdeburg-Niegripp stretch of the Elbe River were estimated at 600,000 eastmarks.
2. The navigation marks were to be fitted with electric lighting devices or with propane gas lighting. Less important navigation marks, such as approach or turn-off beacons, were to be fitted with reflectors.
3. The stretches from Berlin to the Oder River via the Oder-Spree Canal, and the Elbe River between Magdeburg and Schoenau, were scheduled to be ready for night navigation in 1954.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. As of 1 May 1953, the Ministry of Traffic (Ministerium fuer Verkehr) was dissolved. Out of it emerged the Ministry of Railroad Affairs (Ministerium fuer Eisenbahnwesen), headed by Minister Roman Chvalak.

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